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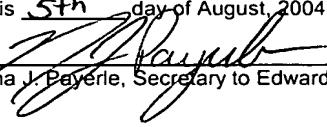
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For APPARATUS, METHOD AND  
PROGRAM FOR DATA  
PROCESSING, AND  
APPARATUS METHOD AND  
PROGRAM FOR TAMPER  
DETECTION

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**37 CFR §§ 1.97, 1.98**

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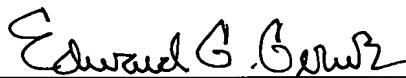
Information or art known to the Applicants and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto. It includes three foreign patent documents. The Applicants have employed Form PTO-1449 for the purposes of convenience of the Office and the Examiner.

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It is the position of the Applicants that none of the art provided herein accomplishes the objects of the present invention. The Applicants believe that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinct over the art of record. In the event the Examiner would care to discuss any of the foregoing more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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